

# People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York

**The Revd Tricia Anslow**, who holds the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate, has been appointed Assistant Curate (SSM) of Bramham.

**The Revd Canon Elaine Bielby**, Vicar of Welton with Melton and Diocesan Training Adviser, will resign on 15th May 2022, but will become Interim Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Welton with Melton for 18 months. The licensing by the Archdeacon of the East Riding will take place on 16th May 2022 at 10.00am in Brimley Lodge, Beverley.

**The Revd Canon Nick Bird**, Rector of Rural East York, will resign on 31 August 2022 to be Adviser for Vocations for the Diocese of York from 1 September.

**The Revd Kate Brown**, Assistant Curate (SSM) in Cowesby held in plurality with Felixkirk with Boltby, Kirkby Knowle, Leake with Over and Nether Siltton and Kepwick, Osmotherley with Hartsey and Ingleby Arncliffe – known as The Hillside Parishes, has been appointed as Assistant Curate (SSM) of Yarm with Kirklevington, Picton and Worsall. She will be Ordained Priest by the Bishop of Whitby at 3.00pm on Saturday, 11th June 2022 in the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm.

**The Revd Brenda Forrester**, Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity, Washington in the Diocese of Durham, has been appointed

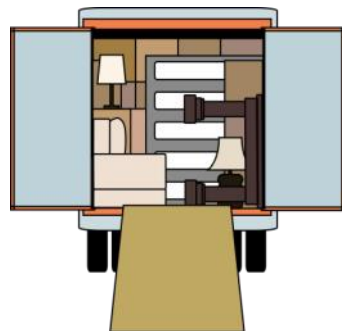
Vicar of Ingleby Barwick. The collation by the Bishop of Whitby will be held in St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick on Friday, 29 April 2022 at 7.00pm.

**The Revd James Grainger-Smith**, Rector of Beeford with Frodingham and Foston, and of Brandesburton and Leven, has resigned with effect from 11th July 2022.

**Sister Celia Hare CA**, Family & Youth Worker for Newby, has been appointed as Children, Families and Youth Worker for Scalby Parish with effect from Monday, 14th May 2022, and will be licensed by the Archdeacon of the East Riding on Wednesday, 18th May 2022 at 11.30am in the St Laurence, Scalby.

**The Revd Dr Arleen Ingham**, Assistant Curate SSM known locally as Assistant Minister of St Mary with Christ Church and Holy Apostles, Scarborough, has been appointed additionally as Volunteer Pastoral Care Co-ordinator at St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough, and will be licensed on 16th May 2022 by the Archdeacon of the East Riding at 11am in Brimley Lodge, Beverley.

**The Revd Dr Tim Kelly**, Assistant Curate of Beverley St John and St Martin with Routh All Saints (Beverley Minster), has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Walkington, Bishop Burton,



Rowley and Skidby for a period of three years. The licensing by the Archdeacon of the East Riding will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 7th June 2022 in St Peter's, Rowley.

**The Revd David Mann**, Diocesan Adviser on Vocations, retired on the 28th February.

**The Revd Nick Morgan**, Priest in Charge of Bramham and Area Dean of New Ainsty, has now been appointed as Vicar of Bramham; he will continue also as Area Dean.

**The Revd Osaro Omobude** has been appointed as Chaplain to the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust. The licensing by the Bishop of Whitby will be held on Thursday, 28 April 2022 at 12.30pm in the Chaplaincy Centre of Roseberry Park Hospital, Middlesbrough.

**The Revd Michael Proctor** Vicar of South Cave and Ellerker with Broomfleet has been reappointed additionally as Area Dean of Howden for five years.

**The Revd Maxine Waller**, Assistant Curate of Bridlington St Mary, has been appointed Assistant Curate (known locally as Assistant Minister) of Escrick with Stillingfleet and Naburn and the Benefice of Derwent Ings.



# TheNews

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## Ready to Celebrate: 70 years of faith and service



As many local churches prepare to lead their community celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years on the throne, Hope Together has worked with the Church of England and others to offer a range of resources, prayers, ideas and information to help make the occasion very special.

Learn more at [www.theplatinumjubilee.com](http://www.theplatinumjubilee.com).

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# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archdeacon of Cleveland,  
Dr Amanda Bloor,  
writes:

## With the help of God

**In June this year, there will be events all across the country marking Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

Many of us will have listened to a recording of the radio broadcast she made on her 21st birthday in 1947, when she promised to dedicate her whole life, 'whether it be long or short,' to the service of her subjects. It's poignant now to consider all the changes that have happened over those 75 years and realise that the desire to build a lasting peace – a priority then, after the ravages of the Second World War – is still uppermost in our minds today. But what strikes me as most significant about the short speech is its final line: 'God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.'

Throughout her 70-year reign, with all its joys and sorrows, the Queen has demonstrated a firm and unswerving Christian faith. Her Christmas messages invariably include a reminder of Christian teaching, she attends church regularly and her coronation service was a deeply religious occasion at

which she promised to serve her people by serving God. During the most sacred part of the service she was anointed with holy oil; set apart to govern and rule with the help of God and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We probably all remember the sight of the Queen at the funeral service of the Duke of Edinburgh, sitting alone in a pew, distanced from her family by Covid protocols. It was a moment when we were able to see her as a widow as well as a monarch, grieving for the husband with whom she'd had such a strong partnership for so long. I hope that as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England, she drew some comfort from the words of the service with its affirmation of God's consoling love.

A jubilee was originally an ancient Biblical concept, a reminder that the earth and its people belonged to God. As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, I'm thankful for a monarch whose Christian faith so clearly underpins her life and work.

God save the Queen!



**Amanda Bloor**

# 'Only Connect'

## Distinctive Deacons' Conference, March 2022

**The 'connector impulse' motivates people to overcome limitations instead of becoming victims of circumstances, said keynote speaker and community theologian Ann Morisy to this year's Distinctive Deacons' Conference at the Diocese of York's Retreat and Conference Centre, Wydale Hall near Scarborough.**

The context of ministry is changing due to COVID and the war in Ukraine, which Ann felt represented the breakdown of an epoch. The church can provide an alternative performance to power, profit and status, she said, but the most imaginative and creative platform for influence resides in the local. We should notice the flows of people in our local spaces and their connectivity and how we engage with those who feel unworthy. She challenged us to think about how we cherish our communities.

Drawing on positive psychology Ann examined the strengths and virtues that promote positive outcomes when grappling with circumstances; wellbeing, life satisfaction, and hope. We often give more weight to circumstances than to our attitudes and intentional activities. Alongside a generous theology, we should believe in the capacity for transformation and holiness.

Meeting joyfully face-to-face for the

first time in two years in the beautiful setting of Wydale, the group of 26 included five enquirers, one ordinand and deacons from dioceses as far apart as Durham in the North and Bath and Wells in the South.

In the final session, Archbishop Stephen spoke on 'Servant and Herald' (from the ordinal) affirming his support for distinctive deacons in their specific role in holding before the church the missional responsibilities of all the baptised and going to places the gospel has not reached. Could we describe the gospel today in one sentence? He suggested 'In Christ you can become yourself – your real self' and 'I worship, therefore I am'.

Dr Ian McIntosh, the Diocese of York's first Director of Mission and Ministry, spoke about the new distinctive deacon discernment pathway which he hoped would paint a picture of the role that enquirers could recognise and say, "That's me!"



**Deacon Liz Carrington**

# Christians invited to join community

**A fledgling Christian community on the North Yorkshire coast is looking to expand its team who live in and run its retreat house.**

St Oswald's offers visitors a place for retreat and holidays, set in a spectacular setting amid beautiful wooded grounds and with stunning views across the village of Sleights in the Esk Valley.

For 20 years, the Order of the Holy Paraclete sisters, based in nearby Whitby, ran the house as a retreat centre before teaming up with the Scargill movement in the Yorkshire Dales to form the new community.

'This is a phenomenally formative opportunity for people to come and join us and experience the nuts and bolts of what a Christian community looks like', said the Revd Paul Reily. With his wife, Jackie, also an ordained minister, they lead the community, with Michyla Hickling joining them for its opening in 2020.

All three lived and worked at Scargill before moving across Yorkshire to what Paul said was to 'take on but not take over' the sisters' work.

Jackie said prospective community workers wouldn't need prior experience in a similar environment. But they must have 'the love of others' and the ability to 'have a go and not take things too seriously'.

'The most important thing is for our new members to make St Oswald's their home, not just a place of work'. Jackie said they would need to be fit to carry out daily duties, including cleaning, hoovering, gardening and cooking.



St Oswald's will pay an allowance and give free board and lodgings.

Paul added that the length people wanted to stay would be open for discussion but expected they: 'would be formed more like Christ when they left than when they arrived'.

He went on: 'We don't want to be prescriptive and say what kind of people we want to join us.

'We're open to Christians of any age and from any type of Church'.

If you're interested in joining the team, contact St Oswald's on 01947 810496 or [office@stoswalds.community](mailto:office@stoswalds.community).

*Mike Tyas*

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# Financial boost unlocks 'Living Christ's Story' vision

**The Diocese of York has won a significant grant towards implementing the ambitious vision for growth across the diocese championed by Archbishop Stephen.**

The Church Commissioners have awarded £850,000 of 'Strategic Capacity Funding' (SCF) to help pull a small team together to work with deaneries, with parishes and with the diocesan office team to put some flesh on the bones of the Living Christ's Story vision emerging from consultations with deaneries and parishes over the last two years.

Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson said, "It's very good news that the national church is going to help us in this way. It's an important step towards having more capacity to support the mission and growth of the church across the diocese over the next ten years."

Living Christ's Story is all about investing in people – directly in growing vocations, deepening our understanding of who we are as the body of Christ, and how to reach out to people who currently have little or nothing to do with church. It is also about freeing up more time and energy to pray, to worship and to serve our neighbourhoods by simplifying the work of running our church buildings and church communities as much as we can, taking some of the burden of administration out of the system

Archdeacon Sam Rushton, currently on secondment as Interim Director for Strategic Transformation, said, "This first investment by the national church will help us as our plans develop. By the end of this year, we will have a much clearer idea of where to invest the diocese's own reserves over the next ten years and will help us to bid for more support from the national church and elsewhere."

- **See news in the coming months of new SCF-funded appointments to help us Live Christ's Story together**
- [www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/living-christs-story](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/living-christs-story)

Living Christ's Story

# It's time to complete the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT)...

**Diocesan Green Ambassador the Revd Jan Nobel says, "It's not just another chore – but part of our journey to reduce energy, save money, and care for creation."**

The price of energy is rising, leaving some churches with rocketing utility bills. Perhaps there has never been a better time to reduce energy use, saving the planet as well as church funds. Start the journey today, by completing the Energy Footprint Tool.

## **What is the Energy Footprint Tool (EFT)?**

The EFT is a national Church of England tool for churches to help them record energy use and calculate carbon emissions. It forms part of the online Annual Parish Returns.

Each year, churches are asked to enter their energy figures from the year before. Once a church has entered all its data, they immediately receive a report and results on their computer or smartphone. This includes:

- the church's carbon footprint in CO<sub>2</sub>e (carbon dioxide equivalent)
- a simple assessment of their buildings' efficiency compared to their size, and compared to how busy the church is.

The Charity Commission is expected to announce that reporting on carbon emission will become a statutory requirement for all charities. In 2021

York Diocesan Synod followed the example of General Synod by adopting the target of achieving Net Zero Carbon (CO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2030. The Diocese needs to track progress, by measuring its use of energy. Churches will soon be asked to provide carbon reduction progress updates at their AGMs and at Archdeacon's Visitations. The EFT provides a quick tool to track progress.

## **How does completing the EFT make a difference?**

Not only will the EFT figures provide a record of progress, but it will also show trends in energy use between different buildings and contexts, which will help the Diocese to provide support where it is most needed, and which support is most effective.

For example, national data has revealed that around 80% of the net carbon emissions come from the 33%

highest emitting churches. Less than 1% of the total net carbon emissions come from the 25% lowest emitting churches. There are far more small buildings (under 250 m<sup>2</sup>) than there are large buildings (over 650m<sup>2</sup>) in the Church of England.

Nevertheless, the total carbon footprint of the (smaller number of) large building is greater than the footprint of the (higher number of) small buildings.

Apart from size, the location (whether the church is located in a rural or urban parish) of a church seems to have a significant impact on its carbon footprint.

An average large urban church emits approximately 21 tonnes of net CO<sub>2</sub>e, around 15 times the amount of an average small rural church, which emits just under 1.5 tonnes of net CO<sub>2</sub>e.

Our data would be more reliable, and localised to the Diocese of York, if more of our churches would complete the EFT. So, why not do that today?

## **Completing the EFT**

In 2021, only 21% of the churches in the Diocese of York completed the EFT as part of their annual returns. A further 7% of churches began their entries but did not complete them. The Church of England hopes for a 90%+ returns rate by 2023 – we have a long way to go!

## **How to use the EFT?**

Your parish gets access to it as part of your annual Parish Returns. There is information and helpful links on the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/parish-returns](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/parish-returns)

Do pray for those undertaking this important task in your parish; if it's you, then thank you, on behalf of the whole church—and the whole world too.

[www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/environment](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/environment)

